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Art Unit 1614

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 10/721,338; Filed: November 26, 2003
For: **Caspase Inhibitors and the Use Thereof**
Inventors: Cai *et al.*
Our Ref: 1735.0350004/RWE/RAS

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form;
2. PTO Fee Transmittal Form PTO/SB/17;
3. Request to Delete Inventors in a Nonprovisional Patent Application Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(b); and
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abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned, and any fees therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

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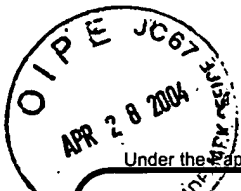
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1002 340	2002 170	Design filing fee	
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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims: 20 **= 20 X 1 = 20

Independent Claims: 3 **= 3 X 1 = 3

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1204 86	2204 43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent	
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1053 130	1053 130	Non-English specification	
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1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252 420	2252 210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253 950	2253 475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254 1,480	2254 740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255 2,010	2255 1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401 330	2401 165	Notice of Appeal	
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1403 290	2403 145	Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110	2452 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1,330	2453 665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501 1,330	2501 665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
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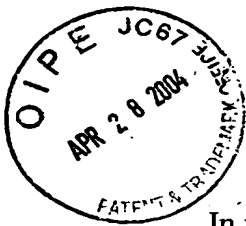
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**Request to Delete Inventors in a Nonprovisional Patent
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Sir:

Applicants request that the United States Patent and Trademark Office correct inventorship in the above-captioned nonprovisional patent application. Prosecution of the application has resulted in the amendment or cancellation of claims so that fewer than all of the currently named inventors are the actual inventors of the invention being claimed in the application.

Specifically, Applicants request that the United States Patent and Trademark Office delete **Eckard Weber, Gordon B. Mills and Douglas R. Green** from the inventive entity as each person's contribution is no longer claimed in the application. Accordingly, upon entry of this request, the inventive entity would be changed from **Sui Xiong Cai, Eckard Weber, Yan Wang, Gordon B. Mills, and Douglas R. Green** to **Sui Xiong Cai and Yan Wang**.

This request is accompanied by the processing fee as set forth under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i). Applicants hereby authorize the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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